

INCH-POUND

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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION

SANDWICH CRACKERS

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture has authorized
the use of this Commercial Item Description.**

1. SCOPE.

1.1 This Commercial Item Description (CID) covers sandwich crackers, packed in commercially acceptable containers, suitable for use by Federal, State, local governments, and other interested parties, in addition, as a component of operational rations.

2. CLASSIFICATION.

2.1 The sandwich crackers shall conform to the types, styles, classes, and shapes, and when applicable, child nutrition meal pattern requirements in the following list which shall be specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

Types, styles, classes, and shapes, and, when applicable, child nutrition meal pattern contributions.

Type I - Peanut Butter Filling

Style A - Cheese Crackers

Style B - Malt Crackers

Style C - Toasted Crackers

Style D - Wheat Crackers

Style E - Other

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Type II - Cheddar Cheese Filling

Style A - Cheese Crackers

Style B - Rye Crackers

Style C - Toasted Crackers

Style D - Wafer Crackers

Style E - Wheat Crackers

Style F - Other

Type III - Cream Cheese with Chives Filling

Style A - Wafer Crackers

Style B - Other

Type IV - Cheddar Cheese and Salsa Filling

Style A - Cheese Crackers

Style B - Toasted Crackers

Style C - Other

Type V - Cheddar Cheese with Jalapeño Filling

Style A - White Cheddar Cheese Crackers

Style B - Toasted Crackers

Style C - Other

Type VI - Medium Spicy (Nacho) Cheese Filling

Style A - Cheese Crackers

Style B - Toasted Crackers

Style C - Other

Type VII - Cheddar Cheese with Bacon Filling

Style A - Cheese Crackers

Style B - Toasted Crackers

Style C - Other

Type VIII - Other

- Class 1** - Four (4) sandwich crackers per package
- Class 2** - Six (6) sandwich crackers per package
- Class 3** - Multiple sandwich crackers per package
- Class 4** - Other

- Shape a** - Square
- Shape b** - Rectangular
- Shape c** - Round
- Shape d** - Oval
- Shape e** - Mini
- Shape f** - Other

When child nutrition meal pattern contribution information is required:

- Grain/bread serving size (I)** - $\frac{1}{4}$ serving = 5 g or 0.2 ounce 1/
- Grain/bread serving size (II)** - $\frac{1}{2}$ serving = 10 g or 0.4 ounce 1/
- Grain/bread serving size (III)** - $\frac{3}{4}$ serving = 15 g or 0.5 ounce 1/
- Grain/bread serving size (IV)** - 1 serving = 20 g or 0.7 ounce 1/

1/ The sandwich crackers must be made from enriched grains.

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 Processing: The sandwich crackers shall be prepared in accordance with good manufacturing practices.

3.2 Ingredients: The crackers shall contain enriched wheat flour, vegetable shortening, salt, leavening, in addition to those ingredients that are specific to each type and style. Other ingredients common to the baking industry may be used.

3.2.1 Flour: The wheat flour shall be enriched in accordance with 21 CFR 137.165.

3.3 Finished product: The sandwich crackers shall consist of two crackers that are the same style filled with one of the following fillings: peanut butter, cheddar cheese, cream cheese with chives, cheddar cheese and salsa, cheddar cheese with jalapeño, medium spicy (nacho) cheese, or cheddar cheese with bacon to form a sandwich.

3.3.1 Appearance and color: The surface of the crackers shall contain small, evenly spaced perforations through which the filling may or may not be visible. Color of the sandwich crackers shall be typical of the type and style specified. The fillings of Types III, IV, V, VI, and VII may contain visible flecks of seasonings (i.e. chives, red pepper) specific to the type. There shall be

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no foreign color to the product. The delivered sandwich crackers shall not be crushed, broken, or damaged.

3.3.2 Odor and flavor: The sandwich crackers shall have a odor and flavor characteristic of the particular type of sandwich cracker. There shall be no foreign odors or flavors such as, but not limited to, burnt, scorched, stale, rancid, or moldy.

3.3.3 Texture: The crackers shall be crisp, not hard or soggy. The filling may be dry or soft but not runny, and may be smooth, or slightly grainy.

3.3.4 Weight: The net weight of each sandwich cracker shall be 6.0 grams to 7.0 grams, which includes a filling weight of 1.0 gram to 2.0 grams. The weight of each mini sandwich cracker shall be 2.0 grams to 2.5 grams, which includes a filling weight of 0.4 grams to 0.8 grams.

3.3.5 Foreign material: All ingredients shall be clean, sound, wholesome, and free from evidence of rodent or insect infestation.

3.4 Age requirement: Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, sandwich crackers shall not be over 90 days old at time of delivery.

3.5 Analytical requirements: Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the analytical requirements for the sandwich crackers shall be as follows. (The moisture content represents commercial practice.)

3.5.1 Moisture content: The moisture content in the sandwich crackers shall not exceed 5.0 percent.

3.5.2 Analytical procedure: The sample to be analyzed shall be a composite of 12 packages of sandwich crackers which have been selected at random from the lot.

3.5.3 Preparation of sample: The sample shall be prepared according to the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International, Method 983.18.

3.5.4 Analytical testing: Analysis shall be made in accordance with the following method described in the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International:

<u>Test</u>	<u>Method</u>
Moisture	926.08

3.5.5 Test results: The test results for moisture content shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 percent. Any result not conforming to the analytical requirement shall be cause for rejection of the lot.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS.

4.1 The delivered sandwich crackers shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local mandatory requirements and regulations relating to the preparation, packaging, labeling, storage, distribution, and sale of the sandwich crackers within the commercial marketplace. Delivered sandwich crackers shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations promulgated thereunder.

5. QUALITY ASSURANCE PROVISIONS.

5.1 Product conformance. The sandwich crackers provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this CID, conform to the producer's own specifications, standards, and quality assurance practices, and be the same sandwich crackers offered for sale in the commercial market. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

5.2 Quality assurance. When required in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture, shall determine the quality assurance of the sandwich crackers according to FGIS procedures. The sandwich crackers shall be examined, or analyzed as applicable in accordance with applicable provisions in this CID, solicitation, contract, or purchase order, and, when applicable, the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers currently in effect on the date of the solicitation.

6. PACKAGING.

6.1 Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking. Preservation, packaging, packing, labeling, and case marking shall be as specified in the solicitation, contract, or purchase order.

7. NOTES.

7.1 Purchasers shall specify:

- Type(s), style(s), class(es), and shape(s) of sandwich crackers required.
- When child nutrition meal pattern requirements must be met.
- When analytical requirements do not need to be verified.

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7.2 Sources of documents.

7.2.1 Source of information for nongovernmental document is as follows:

Copies of the Official Methods of Analysis of the AOAC International may be obtained from: **AOAC International, 481 North Frederick Avenue, Suite 500, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.**

7.2.2 Sources of information for governmental documents are as follows:

Applicable provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are contained in 21 CFR Parts 1 to 199. This document may be purchased from: **Superintendent of Documents, ATTN: New Orders, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954.** Credit card (MasterCard or Visa) purchases may be made by calling the Superintendent of Documents on (202) 512-1800.

Copies of the United States Standards for Condition of Food Containers are available from: **Chairperson, Condition of Container Committee, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 0243, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0243.**

Civil agencies and other interested parties may obtain copies of this CID from: **General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Specifications Section, Suite 8100, 470 East L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.**

Military activities should submit requests for copies of this CID to: **Standardization Documents Order Desk, Defense Automation Printing Service, 700 Robbins Avenue, Building 4D, Philadelphia, PA 19111-5094.**

MILITARY INTERESTS:

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Navy - SA
Air Force - 35

Review Activities

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Navy - MC

CIVIL AGENCY COORDINATING ACTIVITIES:

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